



**Town of Mendon  
Board of Health  
20 Main St. Mendon  
Minutes for  
April 20, 2016**

Chairman Andy Fiske called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Alan Greenberg - Vice Chairman, Tom Fichtner - BOH Member

Location – Board of Health Office– 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756

The Board met with Mike Szczepan of Republic Services, the town's trash and recyclables services provider. Mike gave the Board an update on the paper rebate program. He explained that the market for paper is not what it used to be so the amount of money coming back to the town is not as much as it once used to be. The Board discussed with Mike the different grant opportunities that are available with the State. Mike did not recommend the Recycling Mattress Grant. He explained that one of the problems is that Mendon would have to store the mattresses somewhere. Having such storage would create health concerns with things like bed bugs. Mike's recommendation is to keep the current structure in place. Another grant option discussed was the roller containers for recycling. However, even with a grant, the cost would be quite considerable and would not be feasible.

Ann Mazar stopped by the meeting because she saw upcoming mosquito season on the agenda and was interested in the discussions. Tom stated that with the Zika virus in the news, he thought it would be a good time to remind residents about what they can do to protect themselves. Ann asked if the Board was considering the concept of spraying for mosquitoes and the Board responded that they would not be, given past experiences with proposing such a program & appreciating the concerns of many residents regarding the use of general spraying. Ann told the Board she could include information regarding Zika in the column she writes for the Town Crier. The Board thought this would be a great idea.

Dan Byer stopped by the meeting because he saw preparation/discussion for beach testing on the agenda. The Board is interested in having the tight tanks at the beach dye tested. Dan didn't have a problem with it. Missy will work with Dan to get a date from Lenny Izzo (Health Agent) to have the testing done.

Alan, Tom and Missy told Andy about the active shooter class they participated in at the Grafton Town Hall complex. They all found it very interesting and a good learning experience.

Next meeting will be May 11, 2016.

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconds the motion. All members agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Approved June 29, 2016**